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# Motorcycle accident changed rider, family's lives forever

By Lori Tagg

Special to the Scout

In May 1996, my father was in a motorcycle accident. He was on a cross-country trip with a group of friends, a trip like many he had taken before. Somewhere in the mountains of southern Utah, a deer ran out on the road. The guy in the lead was able to avoid the deer, by laying down his bike. Dad was second. He had to avoid both the deer and the lead bike. His front tire hit the gravel on the shoulder. I've always heard that you should never lose contact with the bike. Keep contact and the bike will take the brunt. Lose contact and you take the brunt. The lead biker kept contact and broke a wrist. Dad lost contact with his bike and nearly lost his life. Instead he is now a quadriplegic. He may still be alive, but he lost his life in that accident. And so did his wife.

That was ten years ago. He spent months in the hospital, first in Colorado and then later in St. Louis. After a year, he was able to return to work as a computer analyst, thanks to the voice activation software available these days. But his life today is a long way from the life he led before the accident. Consider the 20+ different medications he takes every day to

keep the frequent muscle spasms at bay, the kidney infections cleared up, and the pain at a bearable level. Consider the total loss of all body functions below the waist. Consider the several times he has ended up back in the hospital because of the deep pressure sores on his back side from sitting or laying in the same position day in and day out. Those sores, if not taken care of, can kill a quadriplegic. They were partly responsible for the death of Christopher Reeve. There is also the constant threat of autonomic dysreflexia (hyperreflexia), a serious condition that can occur in a flash, if the urinary tube is backed up or any other number of factors that can cause his blood pressure to rise dramatically within seconds leading to seizures, stroke, or death. This is not the way I expected to see Dad, a Navy Seal, Vietnam veteran, avid snow skier, dancer, builder of decks and birdhouses, living his golden years.

Then consider his wife. She and Dad married just four years before the accident. They used to take frequent trips, skiing, motorcycling, and camping. They were even married at the top of a mountain in Aspen in the heart of winter. Now her life consists of caring for Dad. She gets very little sleep at night. She has to make sure he gets his medication on time.

She makes his meals and feeds him. She cleans him up, brushes his teeth, and dresses him. She helps him go to the bathroom. They've tried to hire home care to help out. But the helpers never last—the work is too hard and they have no personal stake in it. So she does it all herself. And she works 50+ hours a week as a computer programmer. They work in the same building, so even during the day, she is not relieved of the responsibility she feels toward Dad, making sure that he is feeling well, that he is doing pressure relief as often as he should, that he gets his medication, that he eats. I'm sure this is not the way she saw herself living her golden years.

If she cries, she doesn't do it in front of other people. If he cries, he would not let his daughters see it. The only time I ever saw him cry was right after the accident, laying in that hospital bed with the metal halo around his head and tears leaking out of the sides of his eyes. I wiped them away, because he couldn't. He still has the scars where the doctors screwed the halo into his forehead, so he combs his hair forward so you can't see them. For a long time, we held out hope that he would walk again, that

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## Scout On The Street — When you have spare time, how do you keep from being bored?



Ramon Barallardos  
AAFFES vendor

*"I watch movies and play Hero Clicks, a game that has miniature superheroes battling against each other."*



Debbie Davison  
Family member

*"I just do things with friends and with the other ladies or I take my kids to my husband's canine kennel."*



Spc. Keyshia Pinckney  
556th Maintenance Company,  
504th Signal Battalion

*"I play with my kids and watch movies."*



Sgt. 1st Class Clarence Rice  
Headquarters and Headquarters Company,  
86th Signal Battalion

*"I do a lot of reading, play dominoes and go bowling."*



Okhui Waddell  
Family Member

*"When I'm at the house I work in the yard and take care of my dogs."*

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# Reserve unit complements Fort's MI mission

Story and photos by Anthony Reed

Scout Staff

The 5th Military Intelligence Battalion, 104th Division is one of very few reserve units on Fort Huachuca.

"Our primary mission is to provide [Military Occupational Specialty] training to reclassifying military intelligence Soldiers of the U.S. Army Reserves and Army National Guard," said Lt. Col. John Pearson, commander, 5th MI Bn., 104th Div. "We are a reserve unit in the middle of the Global War on Terrorism. We train Soldiers, but mobilize them for deployments and train here."

The unit has been a part of Fort Huachuca for more than 15 years.

Pearson said all 65 members of the unit are Reservists. The unit is supported full time by two Department of the Army civilians who are also Army Reserve Soldiers serving in the unit. Soldiers travel from as far away as Oregon. The unit's top enlisted Soldier, Command Sgt. Maj. Preston Wilson, travels to Fort Huachuca from El Paso, Texas.

"We recently had a Soldier transfer in from Miami," Wilson said. "We conduct schools all over the country – including Fort McCoy, Wis. and Fort Devens, Mass. – year round. Our Division and Brigade Headquarters

are located in Vancouver, Wash."

Pearson said the unit has obvious challenges "... being so far away from the flag pole ..." but sees a bigger advantage being located on Fort Huachuca. "Being on a major installation – one that is home to Military Intelligence – is a huge advantage for us. Everything we need is right here, and we have many Soldiers in the unit who work right here on post and at the Schoolhouse. Other units within our division are sometimes isolated away from the amenities we enjoy here."

The unit houses more than 10,000 Army Reserve and Army National Guard troops annually. It is the only Army Reserve unit that teaches Military Intelligence officer courses.

"We have an outstanding relationship of mutual support with the active component on Fort Huachuca," Pearson said. "That enables us to complete our mission requirements, keep on top of the changing landscape of the Military Intelligence and Counter-Intelligence fields, and provide support to our proponent schoolhouse when needed."

Pearson said there is very little difference between an active and reserve unit. "The standards Reserve Soldiers must meet are the same as active duty Soldiers," he said. "The main way reservists differ from active Soldiers is reservists must be proficient in their military skills while also maintaining civilian careers."

Reservists train as a unit several days each month in addition to attending all MOS-specific training courses and schools.

"When you see us work, train and serve as Soldiers, you will see no differences," Wilson noted. "We have excellent leaders here, and we let them do their jobs."

One of the unit's members reached, what she termed, "the pinnacle of (her) military career," when she was promoted to sergeant major.

Sgt. Maj. Linda Hildreth, platoon sergeant major, enlisted instructors, shared the accomplishments with her unit in formation, where her daughters, Kathy Sperandio and Jen Hildreth pinned on her new rank.

"I am so proud of my mom," Kathy said after the



**Command Sgt. Maj. Preston Wilson, top enlisted Soldier, 5th Military Intelligence Battalion, 104th Division, demonstrates how to properly apply first aid treatment to a head wound to Sgt. 1st Class Carolyn Baxley, unit instructor, during the unit's Common Training Tasks skills assessment.**

ceremony. She'd traveled from New Hampshire for the event.

The new sergeant major has been here for more than 18 months. She thanked her daughters for supporting her, and thanked the Soldiers she stood in front of for helping her be a successful Soldier.

"Without you," she said to the formation, "I could not have accomplished half of what I've been able to achieve in my military career."

Currently, the unit has seven Soldiers mobilized in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom/Operation Enduring Freedom. Nine Soldiers have been notified they will be deployed to Iraq soon.

"Regardless of where our Soldiers serve, we always accomplish our mission as proud, professional U.S. Army Soldiers," Wilson said.



**Cpt. Brian Keyes and Spc. John Taylor, S-6 intelligence analysts, 5th Military Intelligence Battalion, 104th Division, review unit training plans.**

## DHS, TSA issues airport security directive, affects SV, Tucson airports

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The Department of Homeland Security, Transportation Security Administration has issued a security directive increasing the terrorist threat level from yellow to orange ("High"). This security directive was issued to all commercial airports across the country, including the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport, in response to the foiled terrorist plot involving commercial aircraft originating from Britain and flying to the United States. Tucson International Airport has also implemented similar rules.

In response to the increased threat level, the Sierra Vista Municipal Airport and Great Lakes Airlines will be implementing additional security measures as recommended by TSA.

The new airport security already in effect include:

- Liquids will be banned from carry-on luggage and cannot be taken through security checkpoints. That includes drinks, toothpaste, perfume, shampoo, hair gel, suntan lotion and similar items. These items may be transported in checked baggage. Drinks purchased in the airport cannot be carried onto flights and must be consumed before boarding the aircraft.
- Baby formula and medications will be allowed but must be presented for inspection at security checkpoints. The Tucson airport allows juice if a baby or small child is traveling. Prescription medicine with a name that matches the passenger's ticket are allowed on planes departing Tucson. Insulin and essential other

non-prescription medicines are allowed.

- All shoes must be removed and placed on an X-ray belt for screening.
- Passengers are also asked to arrive at least two hours early to allow for additional screening.
- Passengers traveling to the United Kingdom should contact their airline for information about any extra security measures or precautions that might be required. Laptop computers, mobile phones, and iPods were among items banned on British flights.

Great Lakes Airlines is advising passengers of the rule changes as they arrive at the Airport.

If passengers have specific questions regarding the new flight restrictions, they may contact Great Lakes Airlines directly at 459-1581.

Visit the TIA Web site at [www.tucsonairport.org](http://www.tucsonairport.org).



# Marine reserve engineers train, build fence along Mexican border

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Marine reservists from the 6th Engineer Support Battalion got a real-world training opportunity in Southern Arizona thanks to the coordinated efforts of the leatherneck commanders, Joint Task Force North and the Department of Homeland Security.

The Portland, Ore. based reserve unit needed a real-world training scenario that simulated conditions they would encounter in zones where they might deploy. The U.S. / Mexico border, near Naco, Ariz. provided a perfect backdrop and the engineer support request submitted by the U.S. Border Patrol, Tucson Sector, afforded the Marines the opportunity to exercise multiple skill level tasks in military construction.

Thanks to cooperative agreements between the Department of Defense and the federal agencies, military engineering units from all armed services, active duty and reserve components, have the opportunity to execute a variety of construction projects along the southwest border desert. The JTF North engineer support missions offer the volunteer units the opportunity to plan and execute missions that are directly related to the units' military missions. The JTF North homeland security support missions allow units to fully exercise their deployment and redeployment procedures. In addition, reserve units are able to rotate their personnel into the mission locations to accomplish their mandatory two-week annual training requirements.

The Southwest border engineer missions result in unique training opportunities.

"Floodwaters moving through the border fence created some problems that

we thought we could solve," said Staff Sgt. Jason Barringer of Decatur, Ill. "Debris piled up and created some structural problems that jeopardized the integrity of the border fence that is currently in place. JTF North asked us to come help out and we were happy to do it."

Marines are quick to point out that their fence building and border road improvement efforts executed in support of the U.S. Border Patrol are not part of the on-going National Guard's Operation Jump Start.

"The focus of our training is to give Marines real problems to solve in the field. This fence construction enables us to get that," said Barringer.

Engineer support missions that JTF North underwrites consist of road construction and improvement, border perimeter lighting installation, border fence construction, vehicle barrier construction, and mobility construction; JTF North engineer missions are restricted to the Southwest border and are long-term operations that are planned one to two years before execution; most consist of multiple phase operations that may take several months or years to complete.

Although the Marines speak of the task modestly, their efforts will definitely help the U.S. Border Patrol accomplish its mission.

"JTF North engineer missions are challenging and provide the unit leadership with some of the best 'real world' construction training opportunities within the continental United States," said Armando Carrasco, JTF North public affairs officer. "Volunteer units typically train in 90 percent of their wartime mission tasks."

Volunteer units and individuals have repeatedly remarked in after-action re-



Photo by Armando Carrasco, JTF North

**Marine engineers from Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battalion, based at Portland, Ore. spread out a freshly laid concrete during a homeland security engineer support mission near Naco, Ariz. The aim of the construction project is to improve water drainage through the border fence.**

ports that JTF North missions provided them with the best training they have ever received.

Other success stories that involved JTF North border engineer support missions include construction projects near San Diego, Calif.; Nogales, Ariz.; Columbus, N.M.; El Paso, Texas and other border areas.

"Building this fence is a good trade-off," said Barringer. "They [U.S. Border Patrol] get their stuff built and I get to train my Marines."

## JTF North

JTF North is the Department of Defense organization tasked to support our nation's federal law enforcement agencies in the interdiction of suspected

transnational threats within and along the approaches to the continental United States.

Some of those threats include activities conducted by individuals or groups that involve international terrorism, narcotrafficking, alien smuggling, weapons of mass destruction, and the delivery systems for such weapons that threaten the national security of the United States.

JTF North coordinates military support to law enforcement agencies in order to deter and prevent these transnational threats to the homeland.

For more information on JTF North, visit the command website: [www.jtfn.northcom.mil](http://www.jtfn.northcom.mil).

## Fort Huachuca Commissary delivers the goods to Naco-based Marines

Story and photo by Michael Collins

Scout Staff

Most would agree that Naco is a town off the beaten path. A small collection of homes that overlap the Mexican and American border, this oddly named little 'ville began as a brainchild of a copper mining executive to facilitate the transfer of the precious ore across the frontier.

A revival of trade has emerged in Naco but it has nothing to do with copper. Fort Huachuca's commissary has taken their goods on the road to meet the needs of some special clients.

When Marine reservists from the Company C, 6th Engineer Support Battal-

ion got the call to come to the remote desert community to build support structures along the border, they saluted smartly and responded with a crisp "Aye, aye!"

In spite of their 'can do' attitude, the material needs of the Marines would need to be met. Enter Judy Mendez and her colleagues from the Fort Huachuca commissary.

"We went out to the work site and there was nothing out there," said Judy Mendez, commissary director. "We started to bring out snacks and items that are our best sellers. The response was very positive and we decided in spite of the additional cost, it was worth making the hour-long, daily trek to meet the

needs of our clients."

The Marines appreciate the service too. "I don't have to have someone drive them to Bisbee or Fort Huachuca to shop for their snacks," said Staff Sgt. Jason Barringer. "It saves on manpower and keeps me from having to designate a Marine from acting as chauffeur when he could be using his time off in other ways."

Mendez appreciates the gratitude the Marines have shown her for the commissary's extra effort but is modest in her response. "This is a benefit they have earned," she said. "The least we can do is make sure they get what is entitled to them."



**Marines look over the goods available at Fort Huachuca's 'mobile commissary.'**

## Phone number updates needed

The Public Affairs Office is currently updating the Fort Huachuca phone book, "Thunder Mountaineer." We need your help.

Please ensure the phone listings for your organization are correct. Contact your organization's representative designated to update those changes so the correct listings will be placed in the upcoming edition of the Thunder Mountaineer. Once this happens, your representative should contact the PAO.

The PAO must have the listings by Sept. 1 to meet our printer's deadline. Updating your phone listings will ensure we provide the best possible service to the Fort Huachuca community.

If you have any questions or additions you wish to make to the Fort Huachuca phone book, please call the PAO at 533-1283 or 533-2622.



# July water use is 56.5 percent less than the 24-year July average since 1982

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The water pumpage for July is 34,642,000 gallons or 106 acre-feet and is equivalent to 1.1 million gallons per day.

The July pumpage is 32 percent less than that pumped in July 2005 (156 acre-feet) and is 56.5 percent less than the 24-year (1982-2005) July average (244 acre-feet).

The July pumpage of 106 acre-feet is the lowest pumpage for July during the 24-year period.

Total water pumped year-to-date (713 acre-feet) is 18.3 percent less than that pumped during the same period in 2005 (873 acre-feet).

July water usage at the U.S. Forest Service Air Tanker Station at Libby Army Airfield was three gallons. Year-to-date use is 219,297 gallons (0.67 acre-feet).

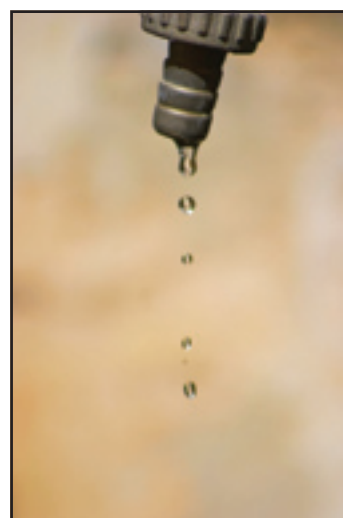
Treated effluent reuse for July was 31.8 acre-feet. Year-to-date treated effluent reuse is 145.9 acre-feet. The year-to-date reuse is 26.6 percent

less than that reused during the same period in 2005 (198.9 acre-feet). This is water that did not have to be pumped from the groundwater aquifer (a water and energy savings) to irrigate the Mountain View Golf Course, Chaffee Parade Field and Prosser Village.

During July, 28.6 acre-feet of treated effluent were delivered to the East Range Recharge Facility. Year-to-date, 238.72 acre-feet of treated effluent have been delivered to the recharge facility. The 2006 year-to-date delivery is 7.5 percent more than that delivered during the same period in 2005 (220.8 acre-feet).

The lower water use in June is attributed to the continued effects of the Water Wise and Energy Smart program, demolition of old housing with leaky infrastructure and permanently reduced large lawn areas

due to ongoing housing construction. The family housing and new school construction projects had little water use associated with their activities.





# TRICARE records increase in mail order pharmacy use

## TRICARE news release

In April, TRICARE Management Activity recorded the highest percentage in use of its mail order pharmacy program since 2003. Currently TRICARE fills slightly less than seven percent of beneficiary prescriptions through the mail order pharmacy. The Department of Defense expects to increase the mail order market share to 10 percent by the end of 2006.

“We are proud of this first benchmark of success, and we are confident that more beneficiaries will make use of this safe, easy and cost-effective option to get their medications,” said Army Major General Elder Granger, deputy director, TRICARE Management Activity. “I also want to personally thank the beneficiary organizations that have worked with us to increase the use of the mail order pharmacy. These organizations understand that together we must do all we can to sustain this great benefit. This move toward increased usage of our mail order program is an encouraging sign that our message is being heard and beneficiaries are starting to take advantage of this underutilized, low cost option.”

In February, TRICARE Management Activity launched an education campaign to inform beneficiaries about the savings and convenience of the mail

order pharmacy. Beneficiaries can save as much as 66 percent on maintenance medications for conditions such as high blood pressure, asthma or diabetes. The mail order pharmacy ships up to a 90-day supply of most medications for the same cost as a 30-day supply at a retail pharmacy.

“Years ago I used the local pharmacy to get my maintenance medications and once I switched to TRICARE’s mail order pharmacy, I was extremely satisfied and have now used it for years,” said retired Marine Corps officer Homer Rigney. “The mail order pharmacy offers good prices and the convenience is outstanding.”

Mail-order service is recommended for maintenance medications that beneficiaries use for long periods. For immediate or short term needs for medications, beneficiaries may choose to fill prescriptions at military treatment facilities or local retail pharmacies.

Beneficiaries may enroll in the mail order program by telephone, mail or online. For more information, visit [www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm](http://www.tricare.osd.mil/pharmacy/tmop.cfm).

TRICARE Management Activity, the Department of Defense agency that administers the healthcare plan for the Uniformed Services, retirees and their families, serves more than 9.2 million beneficiaries worldwide.



Photo by Joan Vasey

**Ordering medications through the TRICARE mail order program means not having to wait at the pharmacy to get your prescriptions. You may enroll in the mail order program by telephone, mail or online.**



# NSPS Town Hall meetings slated

John Nerger, Training and Doctrine Command deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, Infrastructure and Logistics, will be holding two National Security Personnel System Town Hall meetings on Aug. 29 in the Greely Hall Auditorium. The first hour-long session is scheduled for 10:30 a.m. and the second session is at 1:30 p.m. The purpose of the Town Hall meetings is to update civilian employees and their military and civilian supervisors on the NSPS.

Managers are encouraged to make this briefing mandatory as all civilian employees should be familiar with this new personnel management system including its new pay-for-performance feature and the pay bands.

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some miracle cure would be his. We celebrated when he was able to move his left foot on his own. But that is as far as he got towards walking.

I don't dislike motorcycles. I used to love going for rides with Dad or my husband. But I can't look at a bike anymore and not feel the major impact that Dad's accident has had on all our lives, not just his own. Sure, we are all glad to have him still in our lives, but it would be so much better if he and his wife had their lives back. The experts say the life expectancy of a quadriplegic (injured later in life) is somewhere between 10 and 20 years. Christopher Reeve, a.k.a. Superman, died after ten years as a quadriplegic. How much

longer will we have Dad, our superman, with us? We are still hoping for a miracle cure.

Of all the rides Dad had been on, he always came back safely. No one could have predicted what happened. There was no excessive speed, no reckless driving. Just an early morning ride through the mountains. For those of you that ride motorcycles, please remember: there are enough factors out of your control, so always maintain control of those you can. It's not just your own life at risk.

*(Lori Tagg is the command historian for the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and Fort Huachuca.)*





# Schools open on Fort

By Thom Williams

Scout Staff

More than 1,100 students in kindergarten through eighth grade headed back to Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools on Aug. 9.

Diane Chinen, secretary to the superintendent of schools, said the first day of school went very well. Safety and traffic flow at the schools were the main concerns during the first day of class.

"Attendance was strong, the kids were happy and they all got fed," said Linda McGuire, a secretary at the newly built Gen. Myer Elementary School.

McGuire went on to say that several students at Myer forgot their lunch money on the first day of school.

"It was a busy and hard day for me but the kids seemed to have a great time. They got where they needed to be and the teachers are excited about being back," said Glusta Williams, principal's secretary, at Col. Smith Middle School.

At Col. Johnston Elementary School, the scene was similar. "It was a great day. Everybody knew where they were supposed to be," said Yolonda Collins, senior secretary.

Dr. Ronda Frueauff, Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools superintendent, was in the parking lot helping direct traffic.

"I think the parents were very cooperative overall. Traffic flowed well. The parents were doing a good job of it," she said.

The student drop-off point at the school changed

this year. Collins said volunteers were in the parking lots telling parents where to drop off their children.

Military police officials said motorists observed the posted speed limits and new traffic patterns on the first day of school.

"We put out that there is zero tolerance for speeding in school zones and we did not cite anyone for a violation today," said Master Sgt. Julius Gonzales, Provost sergeant major.

*(Rob Martinez also contributed to this report)*



Photo by Thom Williams



Photo by Thom Williams

**Students, parents and siblings make the trek to school on the first day of classes in the Fort Huachuca Accommodation Schools.**



Photo by Thom Williams

**4th-grade students in Janet Josa's class say the "Pledge of Alligance" during the first day of school at the just completed Gen. Myer Elementary School.**



Photo by Rob Martinez

**Spc. Richie Walck and his wife Shelley send off their first-grade daughter Brittany on the first day of school at Col. Johnston Elementary. Walck gets one more kiss goodbye.**

**Students carrying school supplies and dressed in their finest school clothes get off a bus in front of the new Gen. Myer Elementary School Aug. 9 on Fort Huachuca.**



# Entry PT test challenges ANCOC Soldiers

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More than 90 students attending the Advanced Non-commissioned Officer Course here took their entry Physical Training test Aug. 10. The Soldiers will attend the course for six weeks and four days, explained Sgt. 1st Class Damon Wise, ANCOC small group leader. Wise, who has been here since December 2004, has seen five classes of students pass through ANCOC. This translates to about 475 NCOs

during his tenure.

The Soldiers arrived at Fort Huachuca about a week before they took the test. "We give them a chance to get acclimatized to the area. They start the first week stretching out and getting ready, getting used to this elevation. Students come from all over the country, and some came from sea level.

"If they pass, this is the only PT test the students have to take while they're here," Wise said.

All Soldiers testing passed.



Photo by Lilly Wise

**Sgt. 1st Class Richard Easter, NCO Academy cadre, times students on their push ups during their PT test Aug. 10.**



Photo by Lilly Wise

**An unidentified supporter leads Sgt. 1st on a merry chase as they strive to catch up during the run portion of their PT test.**

## Range closures

Thursday – AC, AD, AL, AR, T1, T1A, T2  
 Friday – AK, AL, AM, AR, T3  
 Saturday – AL, T1, T1A, T2  
 Sunday – AL, T1, T1A, T2  
 Monday – AB, AD, AF, AH, AK, AL, AR, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2  
 Tuesday – AB, AD, AF, AH, AK, AL, AR, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2  
 Wednesday – AB, AD, AF, AG, AL, AR, AW, AX, T1, T1A, T2

For more information on range closures contact Range Control at 533-7095. Closures are subject to daily change.

## \$1,000 referral bonus offered

Soldiers can earn a \$1,000 lump sum payment for referring someone who enlists, completes basic training, and graduates from Advanced Individual Training.

Referrals must not have previously served in the Armed Forces. Individuals who are referred must enlist in the active Army, Army Reserve or Army National Guard. The referrals must not be immediate family members.

The Soldier referring must not be serving in a recruiting or retention assignment.

Exceptions are staff members who are not directly involved with the processing of applicants including staff members receiving special duty assignment pay.

Future Soldiers and Soldiers who are performing duties in the Hometown Recruiter Assistance Program, Special Recruiter Assistance Program, and Active Duty for Special Work Program are also eligible for the bonus.

For Army and Army Reserve referrals, call 1 (800) 223-3735 extension 6-0473 or visit the web site at [usarec.army.mil/smart](http://usarec.army.mil/smart). For Army National Guard referrals, call 1 (800) 464-8273 ext. 3727 or visit the Web site at [1800goguard.com/esar](http://1800goguard.com/esar).

## Mandatory company commanders' course

Company commanders or those slated to take command of a company soon are required to complete the Installation Company Commanders Course prior to assuming command or within two months of taking command. All first sergeants are also encouraged to attend.

The next CC course will be held Sept. 5-7.

Registration forms must be received by Monday from those wishing to enroll. Class size is limited. Contact your S3 operations and plans personnel for registration forms or Suzette Krusemark at 533-3185. Or, e-mail [suzette.krusemark@us.army.mil](mailto:suzette.krusemark@us.army.mil).

## Housing Office temporary closures

The Housing Office will be closed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 24 for their annual Organization Day. The office will also be closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Aug 29 for a retirement luncheon.

## Women's Equality Day

Fort Huachuca will celebrate Women's Equality Day from 10:30 - 11:30 a.m., Aug.28, at Greely Hall Auditorium.

Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Harbolt will be the guest speaker. The free event will feature an exhibit depicting information on the Women Suffrage Movement and the many contributions women have made throughout the centuries.

For more information, call MSG Dana Williams, NETCOM EOA, at 538-0909.

## Leave donations sought

The following Department of the Army civilians on Fort Huachuca are currently on the Leave Donor Program and need leave donations: Joseph Barnhardt, USAISEC; Lorenza Buller-Duran, WCPOC; Linda Haldorson, MEDDAC; Annette Hamilton, MEDDAC; Pamela Hastings, CA/ITEC-4; Kenyetta Johnson, NETCOM; Lora Otero, CSLA; Patricia Paiz, 305th MI Bn; Susan Pester, MEDDAC; Patricia Ryan, CPOC; Roberta Brown-Thurman, NETCOM, Scott Van Voorst, FUTURES.

For additional information regarding the Leave Donor Program or how you can donate annual leave, contact Schenando Nason, Civilian Personnel Advisory Center, at 533-5273.

## BC/BS representative arrive Aug. 24

A representative from Blue Cross/Blue Shield will be at Murr Community Center, Room # 3, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Aug. 24th. Employees currently with BC/BS or those wishing more information about BC/BS are invited to visit the representative.

For more information, call 533-5273 or 533-5735.

## DPW closure

The Directorate of Public Works will be closed from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Aug. 24 for their annual Organization Day.

## PWOC plan Fall Kick-Off

The Protestant Women of the Chapel invite all women to their annual Fall Kick-Off Tuesday from 9 to 11:30 a.m. at the Main Post Chapel. This year's theme is "Unity: to let the world know." John 17:23b.

The guest speaker, Lisa Nelson, will share how important unity is within the body of Christ.

A luncheon and child care will be provided. Due to limited space, make reservations for childcare by contacting Jamie Showers at 378-7168.

For information contact Sharon Chandler at 459-0575 or Suzette Greer at 458-2111.

## Warrant Officers seek candidates

The next and last Warrant Officer Candidate board for the 2006 fiscal year is in September. The Warrant Officer Career Center is giving credit for Basic Noncommissioned Officer's Course, Advanced Noncommissioned Officer's Course and Primary Leadership Development Course/Warrior Leader's Course graduates towards WOCS; instead of six weeks and four days, the class will be four weeks and four days.

The following Warrant Officer Military Occupational Specialties are in critical need:

215D Geospatial Information Technician = 21U, 21S  
 311A CID Special Agent = 31D  
 350Z Attaché Technician = All MOSs with ASI 7  
 351L Counterintelligence Technician = 97B  
 351M Human Intelligence Collection Technician = 97E  
 352P Voice Intercept Technician (Korean) = 98G  
 352S Non Morse Intercept Technician = 98K  
 880A Marine Deck Officer = 88K  
 890A Ammunition Technician = 89B, 89D  
 913A Armament Repair Technician = 45B, 45G, 45K  
 914A Allied Trades Technician = 44B, 44E  
 921A Airdrop Systems Technician = 92R

For more information on becoming a U.S. Army Warrant Officer, please visit [www.usarec.army.mil/warrant](http://www.usarec.army.mil/warrant) or e-mail [wo-team@usarec.army.mil](mailto:wo-team@usarec.army.mil) if you have specific questions.

<b>Protestant Sunday Services</b> 9:00 a.m. Gospel 9:30 a.m. Protestant 11 a.m. Cross Roads 11 a.m. Collective Protestant		<b>Women's Ministry Bible study</b> 1st, 3rd Friday 6 p.m. <b>Bible Study/Choir Practice</b> Thursday 6 p.m. <b>Ministerial Staff Training</b> Tuesday 6 p.m. <b>Men's Choir Rehearsal</b> Tuesday 7 p.m. <b>Youth Fellowship</b> 3rd, 4th Saturdays 8:30 a.m. <b>Women's Choir</b> 2nd Tuesday 7 p.m. <b>Women's Choir</b> 5th Saturdays 11a.m. <b>Youth Church</b> 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 5th		Sunday 9 a.m. <b>Catholic</b> • CCD Sunday 10:45 a.m. • Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament Friday 3 - 6 p.m. • MCCW 1st Friday 9 a.m. <b>Korean</b> Choir practice Friday 6:30 p.m. OCIA Friday 7 p.m. <b>Muslim Prayer</b> Friday 12:15 p.m. <b>Orthodox Divine Liturgy</b> 1st & 3rd Sunday 9:30 a.m.		<b>Latter Day Saints Service</b> Sunday 1 p.m. <b>Youth Ministries</b> • Middle school Sunday 4 - 5 p.m. • High school Sunday 5:30 - 7 p.m.	
<b>Roman Catholic Worship</b> Mon.-Fri. Mass 11:30 a.m. Sunday Mass 9:15 a.m. Sunday Mass 11:30 a.m.				<b>Legend</b> Main Post Main Post, Room 24 Main Post Blessed Sacrament Chapel Prosser Village Kino Chapel Eifler			
<b>Jewish Worship</b> 2nd, 4th Friday 7 p.m.							
<b>Protestant</b> • PWOC Tuesday 9 a.m. & 6 p.m.							





# Pakistani officers celebrate independence day here

By Tanja Linton

Media relations officer

Our corner of southeastern Arizona definitely has an international flair. Drive around town and you'll see bumper stickers

from Germany, Scotland, Holland, Norway and other countries. Hundreds of local fans with ties to foreign lands came out to support the teams participating in the Conseil International du Sport Militaire volleyball championships here in June.



Photo by Tanja Linton

On Fort Huachuca, a constant stream of international officers from Albania to Zimbabwe train at the U.S. Army Intelligence Center and add to the community's international flavor. Currently, more than 60 international military students are studying here.

Sunday, officers from Pakistan got together to celebrate Pakistan's 59th Independence Day which officially falls on Aug. 14. They were joined by officers from Bangladesh and Albania and members of the community.

The celebration officially opened with the singing of Pakistan's national anthem. The officers and their friends wore traditional dress and the wife of one of the Pakistani officers cooked an impressive spread of chicken biryani, potato kebabs, raitha, and other well-spiced dishes from Pakistan. Chocolate ice cream was served for dessert as a tribute to the host country.

As the last fragrant grains of biryani were consumed, conversation turned to life in Pakistan and things in common with the United States. Pakistan Independence Day is celebrated much like ours. Families and friends get together for parades, fireworks and special meals.

One officer talked about how excited he was to be at Fort Huachuca, especially when he discovered that Tombstone was nearby. He had seen the movie, "Tombstone," more than 20 times and loves to stroll the boardwalks of the "town too tough to die" wearing his new cowboy hat. Clearly, cowboy culture knows no boundaries.

Our international visitors add an interesting dash of flavor to our tight-knit community. Take time to get to know them and you'll realize that we have more in common than we have differences.

***Officers from Pakistan, Bangladesh and Albania got together Sunday on Fort Huachuca to celebrate Pakistan's Independence Day.***





Photo by Rob Martinez

***Now that children are back in school, ensure they have a safe year by following special practices before and after school.***

# Keep children safe this school year

## Fort Huachuca Safety Office

To help keep your child be safe this school year, the Fort Huachuca Safety Office offers these pointers:

Work out a safe route to school. Choose the quickest way with the fewest street crossings and intersections- preferably those with crossing guards. Stay away from parks, vacant lots, fields, empty buildings and other places where there aren't many people around.

Arrange to have your child walk to school with a friend, brother or sister, you, or trusted neighbor. Avoid, if possible, children walking alone.

Be sure children have memorized their home phone number and address, your work and an-

other trusted adult's phone numbers. Teach them how to use 911 for emergencies.

Teach them to never talk to strangers or accept rides or gifts from strangers. A stranger is anyone you and your child don't know well or trust.

If children bicycle or skateboard to school teach them to always wear a helmet and to lock up their bike whenever they leave it.

If they will be home alone after school, train youth to check in with you or a trusted neighbor as soon as they arrive home.

Have children call you if they are going to stay late at school and to get permission first if they want to play with a friend instead of going home. Have them tell you what time they are going to be home. You should instruct them to call you again if they will be delayed.



# Command changes at 11th Signal Brigade



**Col. John Hildebrand gives a speech during the ceremony.**

## 11th Signal Brigade reports

Photos by Pfc. Charlotte Black

"One look at you Soldiers on the field, and your work in the Signal Corps and 11th Signal Brigade, and it's obvious that you have pride in yourselves and who you represent," said Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, Network Enterprise Technology Command / 9th Army Signal Command commander.

The NETCOM commander addressed more than 800 Thunderbird Soldiers from the 11th Signal Brigade who were standing in the unit's change of command ceremony Aug. 10.

The ceremony included additional participants from the 36th Army Band and B Troop 4th U.S. Cavalry (Memorial) which conducted a ceremonial charge at the conclusion of the ceremony. Various communications systems, satellite dishes, and heavy machine guns were on display, all bearing the various unit crests of the 11th Signal Brigade.

Col. Michael Yarmie, outgoing 11th Signal Brigade commander, took the unit colors from the unit's command sergeant major, Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley, and handed them to

Pollett, symbolically relinquishing command of the brigade. Pollett then entrusted the colors, care of the unit and its heritage, care of the Soldiers in the command, and the heavy mantle of command to Col. John Hildebrand Jr.

Hildebrand replaced the colors into Manley's hands, again for safekeeping, symbolizing the acceptance of the new commander by the unit.

The 11th Signal Brigade's new commander is a native of Fond Du Lac, Wis. He has 23 years of military experience, including Airborne Jump Master, Ranger, and Freefall qualifications. He was in the 75th Ranger Regiment and the Special Forces. His most recent assignment brings him to Fort Huachuca from Air War College in Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.



**Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, Col. Michael Yarmie, Col. John Hildebrand and Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley return to their seats after Hildebrand takes command of the 11th Signal Brigade.**

## 11th Signal Brigade Audie Murphy Club inductees honored

### Story and photo by Eric Hortin

NETCOM/9th ASC public affairs office

Staff Sergeants Octavio Arteaga and Jaime Aparicio were inducted into the prestigious Audie Murphy Club during an impromptu ceremony Aug. 8. It would be an honor the two 11th Signal Brigade noncommissioned officers would have little time to bask in. The Soldiers deploy to Southwest Asia later this week.

During a break at the brigade's change of command rehearsal, the brigade's Soldiers were called to the Brown Parade Field reviewing stand by another member of the Audie Murphy Club – Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, commanding general, NETCOM/9th ASC. Accompanied by Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Harbolt, NETCOM/9th ASC command sergeant major, the two Signal Soldiers were inducted into the Audie Murphy Club in front of their brigade.

Aparicio is a section sergeant for a tactical satellite team, and was recently selected as the runner-up Soldier of the Year for Network Enterprise Technology Command/9th Army Signal Command. Arteaga is a section sergeant for a small extension node team. Both are in Compa-

ny B, 86th Signal Battalion; and both are set to deploy to their second combat tour.

Each Soldier reflected on the mentorship and leadership that helped them throughout their careers, and how those leaders helped shape them.

"I use my first team chief as a base," Aparicio said. "I still, to this day, use a lot of the tools he gave me as a private. Then there is Command Sgt. Maj. (Donald) Manley – who was my battalion sergeant major and now my brigade sergeant major – and 1st Sgt. (John) Sanders."

Even with the huge difference in times in service – Aparicio with 4.5 years and Arteaga with 12 years – both find that combining delegating and directing leadership styles and leading by example equals effective leadership.

"I use a combination of everything," Arteaga said. "Sometimes I direct; sometimes I delegate. Most of the time, I'm out there doing what I told my Soldiers to do."

When both found out they were being inducted into the Club, their reactions were indicative of their characters.

"I was very humbled, when you consider the club's namesake," Aparicio said. "You're dealing with some of the most



**Brig. Gen. Carroll F. Pollett (far left), NETCOM/9th ASC commanding general, speaks to assembled troops Aug. 8, on Brown Parade Field. Pollett and Command Sgt. Maj. Donna Harbolt (far right), NETCOM/9th ASC command sergeant major, inducted Staff Sergeants Octavio Arteaga (center left) and Jaime Aparicio into the Audie Murphy Club.**

professional Soldiers in the Army."

"I know the reputation the Club has," Arteaga said. "I'm very glad to be part of it."

For both Soldiers, it has been a journey that has changed them very much and very little. Both agree that with the honor bestowed on them, they will have opportunities to branch out and draw knowledge from the elite group of Club members.

They were also very direct that little will change in the way they lead their Soldiers.

As they prepare for their upcoming deployment, both have the same goal – to come back safely with their teams, and become platoon sergeants in their unit, continuing traditions and influencing the careers of their Soldiers.

"This is a very exciting time to be a Soldier," Aparicio said, grinning.



# Deploying Soldiers honored with special dinner at DFAC

By Capt. Andrea-Bernadette Pratt  
11th Signal Brigade public affairs officer

The Thunderbird Dining Facility hosted a farewell dinner for the Soldiers and families of the 86th Signal Battalion Aug. 9. Almost 300 Soldiers from the unit will deploy to Southwest Asia in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom later this month. For 20 of the Soldiers this was their last Wednesday night in country.

The menu for the night featured a three layer Signal orange cake made by Spc. Joseph Dinuzzo, 40th Signal Battalion cook, decorated with 86th Signal Battalion company crests and mascots, while the main food lines served T-bone steaks, baked ham, fried shrimp, southern style catfish, baked macaroni, baked potatoes, corn on the cob, strawberry cake, chocolate chip cookies, and hot rolls.

"We started planning over a month out," said Sgt. 1st. Class Paula Worley, assistant Thunderbird Dining Facility manager and member of the 86th Signal Battalion, "We've planned for around 400 people tonight. I think the favorites will be the T-bone steak, followed closely by the catfish."

"I think this is really nice and well

done," said Sarah Tifft, 18-year-old daughter of Sgt. Maj. Preston Tifft, 86th Signal Battalion Operations sergeant major. "The band really compliments the dinner, and it's a nice thing to do for us. It shows that [the unit] cares, and that they're not just sending our Soldiers off."

"I think it's a great idea to all get together like this," added Victoria Tifft, wife to the sergeant major for more than 20 years. "I think the dinner was great ... I really enjoyed the shrimp and cheesecake. It was a very nice dinner."

Tifft has deployed many times, but this will be his second deployment to a war zone. Tifft was not the only Soldier attending the dinner in his unit's honor who has deployed more than once.

"The other day I asked for a show of hands," said Brig. Gen. Carroll Pollett, Network Enterprise Technology Command / 9th Army Signal Command commander, "and we saw that many of you have deployed numerous times...I felt it was important for me to come over here tonight to let you know how proud I am of every one of you. I also wanted to remind you of three tasks while I'm here in front of your spouses...first, you're a Soldier and it's important to be ready to engage your enemy on a battlefield...second, it's important that



Photo by Pfc. Rachel Black

**Spc. Joseph Danuzzi, 40th Signal Battalion cook, made a special cake with Signal patches and crests for the farewell dinner.**

you maintain your skill sets...and third and equally important...stay in touch with your family. Thanks for what you do, God bless every one of you and God bless America!"

To help the families with staying in touch, Debra Vernon, 86th Signal Battalion Family Readiness Group leader, has established a Yellow Ribbon Room. It can be found in the battalion S1 area during normal business hours. "It's furnished with everything they could need," said Debra Vernon, "there's even a tea area, kid area, diaper changing room, new computers with web cams, faxing and copy capabilities, and the room could be used for movie nights

or Family Readiness Group meetings." For more information on the 86th Signal Battalion Yellow Ribbon Room, contact Debra at: [ldvernon@worldnet.att.net](mailto:ldvernon@worldnet.att.net)

"We really appreciate the hard work and dedication of each and every one of you," added Col. Michael Yarmie, 11th Signal Brigade commander, "I'm happy to see the families out here together...thank you for your dedication and support. I ask that you keep our Soldiers who are leaving us to enter harm's way in your thoughts and prayers as they prepare to deploy."

The battalion sent the first 20 personnel to Southwest Asia starting Sunday.

## 86th Signal Battalion deploys in support of OIF

11th Signal Brigade reports

Approximately 30 Soldiers from the 86th Signal Battalion left Murr Community Center and deployed to Southwest Asia Sunday night. They are the first of almost 300 Soldiers who will deploy with the unit to Southwest Asia this month in support of Task Force Triple Threat, where they will replace the 440th Signal Battalion Soldiers currently deployed at various locations. The Soldiers will operate and maintain a joint coalition Computer, Communications, Command and Control network in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The 30 Soldiers parted from family members, friends, and fellow Soldiers on buses which took them to the Tucson International Airport.

The remaining 200-plus Soldiers of the 86th Signal Battalion are preparing to deploy in two additional groups later this month. At the end of August, the 11th Signal Brigade will have approximately 500 deployed Soldiers.



Photos by Capt. Andrea Pratt

**Command Sgt. Maj. Donald Manley, 11th Signal Battalion command Sergeant Major, bids a departing Soldier farewell. Meanwhile, 1st Lt. John Staib (rear) prepares to board the bus.**



**Sgt. Wayne Howard, Company B, 86th Signal Battalion supply Sergeant, enjoys the last few moments with his wife, April, daughters, Aaliyah, 4, and 5-month old Kaeence.**









## Service News

# Ultimate sacrifice in support of Global War On Terrorism

**Lance Cpl. Jeremy Long, 18**, of Sun Valley, Nev., died Aug. 10, while conducting combat operations in Al Anbar province, Iraq. He was assigned to 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

**Staff Sgt. Tracy Melvin, 31**, of Seattle, Wash., died of injuries sustained on Aug. 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near his HMMWV during combat operations in Ar Ramadi, Iraq. Melvin was assigned to the Army's 2nd Battalion, 6th Infantry Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Three Soldiers died in Baghdad, Iraq on Aug. 6, when an improvised explosive device detonated near their HMMWV while conducting a combat operations. All soldiers were assigned to the Army's 2nd Brigade Troop Battalion, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault), Fort Campbell, Ky.

Killed were:

**Staff Sgt. Stephen Seale, 25**, of Grafton, W.V.

**Sgt. Carlton Clark, 22**, of South Royalton, Vt.

**Cpl. Jose Zamora, 24**, of Sunland Park, N.M.

**Spc. Brian J. Kubik, 20**, of Harker Heights, Texas, died on Aug. 5 in Landstuhl Regional Medical Center, Landstuhl, Germany, of injuries suffered on Aug 2 when his unit encountered enemy small arms fire in Baghdad, Iraq. Kubik was assigned to the 1st Battalion, 502nd Infantry Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 101st Airborne Division, Fort Campbell, Ky.

**Sgt. Leroy Segura Jr., 23**, of Clovis, N.M., died on Aug. 4, in Habbaniyah, Iraq, of injuries suffered from a HMMWV accident. Segura was assigned to the 362nd Engineer Company, 54th Engineer Battalion, Fort Benning, Ga.

Two Soldiers died in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, on Aug. 4, when an improvised explosive device detonated

near their HMMWV while conducting combat operations. Both soldiers were assigned to the 1st Calvary Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Friedberg, Germany.

Killed were:

**Staff Sgt. Clint Storey, 30**, of Enid, Okla.

**Sgt. Bradley Beste, 22**, of Naperville, Ill.

**Staff Sgt. Daniel A. Suplee, 39**, of Ocala, Fla., died on Aug. 3 at James A. Haley Veterans Hospital, Tampa, Fla., of injuries sustained on Apr. 1 in Kabul, Afghanistan, when his HMMWV was involved in a traffic accident. Suplee was assigned to the National Guard 153rd Cavalry Squadron, Ocala, Fla.

**Sgt. Ryan D. Jopek, 20**, of Merrill, Wis., died in Tikrit, Iraq on Aug. 2 of injuries suffered when an improvised explosive device detonated near his convoy. Jopek was assigned to the Army National Guard's 2nd Battalion, 127th Infantry Regiment, Waupun, Wis.



# Federal Voting Assistance Program kicks into high gear

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

The Federal Voting Assistance Program office is pulling out the stops to ensure all servicemembers and their families who wish to can vote.

Polli Brunelli, the program's chief, said the program has learned from experience and has put in place a system to make it relatively painless for servicemembers and their families to vote in 2006 mid-term elections.

And, she added, servicemembers and their families want to vote. They generally vote in greater percentage than the general population, Brunelli said. She also stressed that these votes count. Absentee ballots decided a number of elections in 2004. "Election officials count every absentee ballot," Brunelli said.

The program covers not only military personnel, but also DoD civilians and DoD contractors. It depends on dedicated officers and noncommissioned officers at unit level. Each unit has a voting assistance officer, and they are the primary points of contact for servicemembers casting absentee ballots.

A number of changes are being implemented in this election cycle. Some states will now send ballots to requesters via e-mail. Others will fax the ballots. Each state is responsible for voting by its citizens,

so the laws and programs offered vary from state to state.

Other changes include a revised Federal Postcard Application form. "It's bigger and better and easier to read," Brunelli said. "We have several blocks on there for (voters) to put alternative addresses if they are on the move. There is also a place to put their e-mail address. This is very important, because local election officials want to be able to communicate to voters."

Brunelli's office is working with the U.S. Postal Service to ensure expedited mail service for ballots. This started in 2004, and they had great success with it, she said.

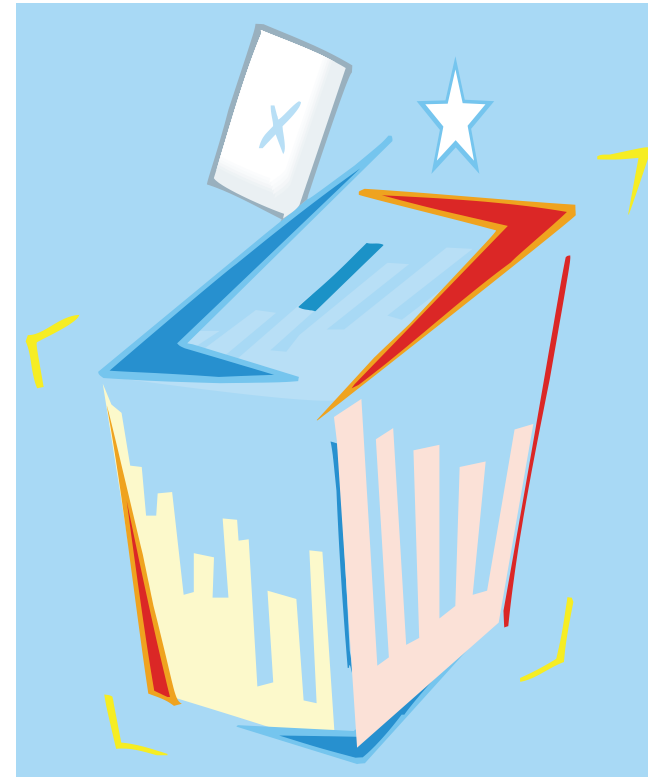
Ballots will arrive to servicemembers in September or October. To be sure votes arrive on time, Brunelli is telling servicemembers to mail in their voted ballots the week of Oct. 8 to 14.

If all things work perfectly -- and they usually do -- servicemembers will receive their ballots from local election official and return them without a hitch. But problems can happen: the address is wrong; the mail can't get to an isolated area in a timely manner; and so on. In such cases, servicemembers can use the Federal Write-In Absentee Ballot.

"It doesn't matter what ballot you get ... vote it," Brunelli said. "If the state ballot arrives after (submit-

ting a write-in ballot), they should vote that, too. Local election officials will sort that out at their end."

For more about the Federal Voting Assistance Program, log on to <http://www.fvap.gov/>.



# Additional contestants needed for Military Idol Competition

Military Welfare and Recreation is looking for additional contestants for the annual Military Idol Competition. Active duty amateur vocalists are invited to submit applications.

Anyone interested is urged to get their application now, either at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre or on line at [www.militaryidol.com](http://www.militaryidol.com).

Army MWR, in the tradition of the "American Idol" television series, is sponsoring the competition.

Active duty military contestants

are competing for cash prizes and for the title of "National Military Idol."

At the installation level, the following prizes will be awarded: 3rd place, \$100; 2nd place, \$250; and 1st place, \$500. The winner at each installation will be submitted for consideration on the national level.

The first local round of the Military Idol Competition will be held at 6 p.m. Sept. 8 at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre. The event is open to the public and there is no admission charge.

The final local competition is scheduled for Sept. 22, at Thunder Mountain Activity Centre.

Twelve national finalists will be chosen to compete at the National Military Idol Competition, to be held Oct. 28 - Nov. 6 at Fort Belvoir, Va.

The prizes at the national level are: 3rd place, \$500; 2nd place, \$1000; and 1st place, \$2000.

For more information, call TMAC at 533-3802.



Courtesy photo

## 2-10-2 Biathlon set for Saturday

The Sports and Fitness branch of MWR will hold the 2-10-2 Biathlon starting at 7 a.m. Saturday at Barnes Field House. Entry forms are still available at Barnes Field House or participants can register online at [www.active.com](http://www.active.com).

This event consists of a 2-mile run, a 10-mile bike ride and another 2-mile run. Deadline to sign up for the 2-10-2 Biathlon is tomorrow.

The final event in the series will be the Mystery 10K Run held on Sept. 9. Deadline for the Mystery Run is Sept. 8.

The sports series is open to all authorized MWR patrons. Male and female athletes, individuals or teams, are invited to participate in one or more of the scheduled events.

For registration or general information, call 533-3858 or 533-5031.

## Basic pistol course offered

The Sportsman's Center will offer a basic pistol course from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sept. 2, 16, and 30.

The class will teach safe firearm handling, how to clean and store a firearm and shooting fundamentals.

Cost is \$12.50 per person and includes instruction, range fee and ear protection. Participants are encouraged to bring their own firearms. Ammunition is not included.

For more information, call 533-7085.

## MWR plans Fall Festival

MWR has announced that the 2006 Fall Fun Festival will be held Sept. 15, 16 and 17 at Veterans' Memorial Park located off Fry Boulevard, Sierra Vista. Festival hours will be 4 p.m. - midnight, Friday; noon - midnight, Saturday; and noon - 5 p.m., Sunday.

The festival is open to the public and there is no admission charge to enter the grounds or the entertainment events.

Along with the continuous live entertainment and DJs, many other activities will be available for those attending the festival including food, crafts, art, commercial and novelty vendors and more.

One of the Fun Festival's biggest attractions will be the popular City of Fun Carnival, with rides for all ages and thrill levels. Advance carnival tickets are on sale at Murr Community Center, Desert Lanes, Jeannie's Diner, Eifler Fitness Center, New Beginnings Child Development Center and Sierra Vista Safeway.

Carnival tickets purchased in advance are sold at a savings of \$2 per ten tickets. Advance price is \$6 per sheet of 10. The price goes up to \$8 per sheet of 10 at the carnival.

For more ticket information, call 533-2404.

Private organizations, food, craft and other vendors are encouraged to take part in the festival. Vendor applications are available now at Barnes Field House.

For more vendor information, call Susan Gasca at 678-4446 or Susan Keltner at 533-0351 or e-mail [fallfest06sv@yahoo.com](mailto:fallfest06sv@yahoo.com).

Another popular festival event will be the 5 km Mutt March held at 7 a.m., Sept. 16. Bring your pet and participate in this fun event. Cost is \$5 for pet and human. Refreshments and a finish ribbon will be included.

For more information about the Mutt March, call 538-0836

## Youth DanceNastics, cheerleading offered

Registration is now in progress for the Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited Program "DanceNastics" and cheerleading classes. Class fee, dates, time and location are dependent upon the child's age and skill level. These classes will begin in early September.

Registration for both DanceNastics and Cheerleading is being held at Child and Youth Services Central Registration Office at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

Participants must be CYS members (annual registration fee is \$18.) For more information, call 533-0738.

SKIESUnlimited is looking for experienced instructors to teach classes in tap dance, ballet,

piano and guitar for youth.

For more program information, call Carrie Bradke at 533-8347.

## Vet clinic offers services for your pet

The Fort Huachuca Veterinary Clinic serves military working dogs, Border Patrol dogs and horses, USDA Forest Service horses, Buffalo Corral horses, and B Troop horses, plus more than 5000 privately-owned animals.

Appointments for procedures such as vaccinations, nail trims and heartworm tests, done by veterinary technicians, are available from 9 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 3 p.m., Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

The clinic is open from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, only for sales of pet-related items.

From 9 a.m. to noon Friday, procedures performed by technicians are available on a walk-in basis. No appointment is necessary.

The clinic is closed for inventory the last working day of each month.

Veterinary Services also offers a night clinic on a quarterly basis.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, call 533-2767.

## Sign up for youth Tae Kwon Do class

The Child and Youth Services SKIESUnlimited's Tae Kwon Do class is held 5:30 - 6:20 p.m. for youth 5 - 11; and 6:30 - 7:30 p.m. for those 12 and older, Tuesday and Thursday at Murr Community Center, Building 51301.

Students may attend on a monthly basis. Class fee is \$25 per month. The class is open to youth 5 - 18 whose parents are active duty or retired military, Department of the Army civilians, Non-appropriated Fund employees or contractor employees. Participants must also be members of Child and Youth Services.

To register, call 533-0738 or visit the Central Enrollment Registration Office at Murr Community Center. There is an annual \$18 registration fee for CYS membership.

Parents can also participate in the class, for an additional \$25 monthly fee.

For more information, call SKIES Instructional Program Specialist Carrie Bradke at 533-8347.



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# The Scout Time Out

## Oasis Cafe serves up music, fun

Story and photos by Michael Collins

Scout Staff

The Fort Huachuca Chapel honored initial entry student Soldiers last Friday at Prosser Village with food and fun at the Oasis Cafe.

Not an actual café, Oasis is more like a pot luck dinner with a live band providing Soldiers a safe environment to socialize, scores of snacks, sodas and coffee, all for free. The students were also treated to board games and a variety of homemade baked goods piled high the length of several fold-out tables.

Dave Robson and his band provided lively entertainment with contemporary Christian music. Robson is also the Director of the Youth Ministry on post.

"We are here to make a difference," said Chaplain (Col.) Douglas Kinder. "One of the ways is with the coffeehouse. At the end of a long week, you can't beat it. And the price is right because it's free."

A steady stream of Soldiers filed through the doors of the Oasis, attracted by the nearly unlimited supply of home-made food, the chance to relax with classmates and be attended to by civilians that care about their welfare.

"We are on phase four so we can't get around," said Spc. Robert Hill, currently undergoing training for the 97E [Human Intelligence Collector] military occupation specialty. "I am also a Christian so the mu-



*The Dave Robson band was on hand at the Prosser Village Chapel Annex to play a variety of music for the Soldiers at Friday's Oasis Café.*

sic, the atmosphere and hanging out here is a positive thing. That's why my classmates and I came."

The Fort Huachuca Chapel frequently sponsors events that endeavor to meet the physical and spiritual needs of the Army community. Volunteers from many denominations on and off post pitch in to help out at the Oasis because they want these "young people to know they are valued," said Jo Moore,

director of the Oasis volunteers. "We want to give them a safe, fun place to be on a Friday night and this is an ideal spot."

The Oasis Cafe is located in the Prosser Village Chapel Annex on the corner of Bissel and Stein road. The café will offer another session of food, fun and music Aug. 25 at the same location. For more information, call Moore at 533-4748.



*Volunteer Tuy Tomko helps a Soldier pile on the free food at the Oasis Café.*



*Pfc.s Jacob and Tara Darby, husband and wife team affiliated with Company F, 309th Military Intelligence Battalion enjoy a light moment at the Oasis Café.*



# Sports Division hosts weekend soccer tourney

Story and photos by Anthony Reed

Scout Staff

The Sierra Vista Football Club defeated the International Huachuca Football Club 4-1 in the championship game of the Fort Huachuca Sports Division's 10-team Round-Robin Soccer Shootout Tournament held Friday through Sunday on the Sentinel Sports Complex here.

"Soccer is a hot sport right now," said Michelle Kimsey, post Morale, Recreation and Welfare sports specialist. "Fort Huachuca and the local area have some talented soccer players. The Sports Division wanted to provide an activity for the Soldiers that was affordable, close to home and competitive."

According to Kimsey, the tournament was not a part of the Commander's Cup program. Teams were asked to pay an entry fee to cover the costs of officials and awards.

Kimsey said the tournament showcased players from a wide variety of skill levels. "We had a few novice players who were out here just for fun, and some who have competed at the collegiate and semi-professional level."

Kimsey said she was "...happy the rain gods had mercy on us." Though rain and lightning delayed many games, she said the timing was perfect. "The recent World Cup games were still fresh on people's minds," she said.

"Plus, it's the second week after payday for Soldiers, especially those in AIT [Advanced Individual Training]. We want to make sure we have things for them to do on the weekends."

The teams were divided into two pools. Each team played four games against members of their respective

pools with the top two teams playing in the championship.

The first game happened Friday at 6 p.m. On Saturday there were games from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. with rain delays. Sunday's action began at 8 a.m., with the final game



**International Huachucas' Nick Williams, referee Guillermo Lopez and Sierra Vista's Matt Roman participate in the coin toss before the Soccer Shootout Championship Game.**

ending 12 hours later.

Teams consisted of military, post and local civilians and family members at least 18 years old. There were unit teams, combined teams and some from the local area.

The final standings after pool play were as follows:

## Pool A

Sierra Vista Football Club	4-0
HHC 111th Military Intelligence	3-1
MEDDAC	2-2
Company C, 304th MI (Class 009)	1-3
Team FAST	0-4

## Pool B

International Huachucas Football Club	4-0
The Kickers	3-1
NADS (NCO Academy)	2-2
Company E, 309th MI	1-3
Company C, 304th MI	0-4

## Soccer Shootout Champions:

Sierra Vista Football Club

disadvantage as they had to play their final pool game just before the championship, while the city team scouted and rested.

The International Huachucas turned that alleged disadvantage to their favor by striking first with an early goal by Kyle Luckett.

Ivan Valencia and Hat Abuhantash quickly retaliated with scoring strikes of their own, giving the Sierra Vista team a 2-1 advantage at halftime.

Valencia and Hat Abuhantash repeated their scoring ways in the second half with two unanswered goals as the Sierra Vista Football Club defeated the International Huachucas 4-1 to win the Soccer Shootout.

The champions managed to control most of the game, as they kept the ball on their offensive end throughout.

"They were very aggressive," said Eduard Dedousis, International Huachucas coach and captain. "You could tell they have been playing together for awhile. We'll be ready for them when the league starts downtown next month."

Proving the adage "age ain't nothing but a number," the Sierra Vista squad featured three players 40 or older – including Hat Abuhantash, who scored two of the team's four goals, and the starting goalie Brian Mills. The other over-40 player is Chung Tran.

"We've still got a lot of gas in our tank," said the elder Mills. "The younger players get at us sometimes physically, but experience is something you can't teach."



**Mike Ogletree, goalie for the Kickers, makes a save during the post's Soccer Shootout.**



**To the victors go the spoils at the Soccer Shootout.**



# Buy locally grown; it's thousands of miles fresher

Story and photos by Valerie McCaffrey

Special to the Scout

A farmers market offers an adventure in eating locally produced food. The Sierra Vista Farmers Market, held from 2-6 p.m. every Thursday afternoon through Oct. 26, allows customers the opportunity to buy fruits and vegetables that were picked that morning from the farmers and back yard gardeners that raised them. Those interested in buying meats from animals that spend their whole lives outside grazing on pastures can meet the ranchers that raise them the old-fashioned way. Not only does locally grown food taste better because it's fresher, but growers can plant better-tasting varieties because their fruits and vegetables won't need to stand up to long-distance shipping and storage. Come to the market if you want juicy peaches that you have to eat over the sink or sun-ripened tomatoes.

A visit to the farmers market with its rainbow of colors, smells and flavors transforms shopping into a fun outing. You can literally get a taste of the high desert as many vendors offer samples of their fruit, vegetables and unique, prepared foods.

Organic gardening is the fastest growing sector of agriculture today. Health-conscious consumers can minimize pesticide residues, antibiotics, growth hormones and genetically modified foods by eating local food raised organically by small family farmers. Most of the food sold at the farmers market is unsprayed or certified organic. Farmers markets are cropping up all over the country with over 5,000

of these markets that link urban areas with small-scale growers.

The Sierra Vista Farmers Market has 25 or more vendors selling fresh produce, healthy meats, baked goods (pies, tamales, tortillas and sugar-free mesquite cookies), salsas, pickles, honey and jellies as well as desert plants and natural body care products. The warm weather and rains have produced an abundance of peaches, melons, plums and apples, sweet corn, summer squash, tomatoes, sweet onions, fresh greens and herbs and much more.

Cochise County lamb, beef, pork, chicken and emu meat are sold as well as bacon (including nitrite-free), sausage, chorizo and jerky.

The market also sells desert heritage health foods such as mesquite flour for use in baking and seasoning meats, prickly pear cactus juice and fruit leather, cactus fruits and pads, agave nectar (a historic sweetener with a lower glycemic index than honey), and chia seeds which are higher in Omega 3s than flax. The Cochise County Health Department has provided the market with funding to promote these historic desert foods that are beneficial for diabetics as they help to stabilize blood sugar.

Help the immigration crisis and tropical birds by buying organic, fair-trade coffee, grown in the shade of tropical rain forest and locally roasted in Agua Prieta. The company gives coffee farmers a fair price for their crops, allowing 35 farming families in Mexico to stay home.

Special events at the market include green chile roasting for the next few

weeks as well as a demonstration on preparing prickly pear cactus pads "nopales" and fruits "tunas" and cooking with them by Emma Montoya, a small grower from Palominas today. Esperanza Arevalo will demonstrate making her specialty mesquite flour tortillas on Oct. 19.

The prices at the farmers market are competitive with supermarket prices. Specials right now include organically grown apples for 80 cents a pound as well as half-priced fruits and vegetables from the largest local grower for anyone in uniform during the last hour of the market from 5 to 6 p.m. Five growers also accept produce vouchers issued to low-income Women, Infants and Children clients that can be exchanged for fresh, locally grown fruits and vegetables.

The Sierra Vista Farmers Market will be a year old the beginning of September. The market is held in the west end of town on a vacant lot on the northwest corner of Wilcox Ave. and Carmichael Drive. One day, it may be transformed into a shady, state-of-the-art outdoor plaza and marketplace.

(Valerie McCaffrey is the coordinator for the Sierra Vista Farmers Market)

**Dwight and Paul English sell certified organic, tree-ripened fruit (peaches, plums and apples at the moment) grown on their English Family Fruit Farm north of Willcox. They also bring their neighbors' pistachios and apple bread, apple butter and apple salsa.**



**Beekeeper Ray Simmons of Douglas sells desert flower honeys as well as pickles and jams made by his family from local produce.**



**George and Sue Wyckoff, left, enjoy selling pesticide-free fruits and vegetables grown in their greenhouses and fields and by their neighbors in the Willcox area.**



**Native plant expert Joe Moran answers customers questions about the drought-tolerant trees and plants he grows for the market.**







## Lipizzaner Stallions to perform

The "World Famous" Lipizzaner Stallions will perform in three shows at the Tucson Arena, 260 South Church Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. Aug. 25 and at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Aug. 26. The troupe will perform the 36th anniversary presentation of the "Dancing White Stallions".

Tickets for the show are also available at the Fort Huachuca Information, Ticket and Reservation Office at Murr Community Center.

Adult tickets are \$28.50, \$23.50 and \$20.50 while Children under 12 and seniors over 60 tickets are \$28.50, \$21.50 and \$18.50.

For more information call ITR at 533-2404.

Tickets also may be purchased at the Tucson Arena Ticket Office, all Ticketmaster outlets and online at [ticketmaster.com](http://ticketmaster.com).

## Henry Hauser Museum volunteers

Volunteers are needed for the Henry Hauser Museum Gift Shop located inside the Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma St., Sierra Vista.

The following shifts are available: Monday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tuesday, 1 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 5 p.m.; Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (hours may be split); Thursday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. (hours may be split).

For information, call Jan Kidd at 459-7753.

## Annual Hummingbird Triathlon slated

Parks and Leisure Services will be hosting this year's triathlon beginning at the Cove on Aug. 26 at 6 a.m. The event will consist of an 800-meter swim, 13-mile bike ride, and a 5-kilometer run. Maps are available at all Parks & Leisure facilities. Registration is now underway.

Individual entry fee is \$35 per person or \$65 for a team, and includes an event t-shirt. Awards will be presented to the top three competitors in each of the eight male and eight female age divisions, and to the top two female, top two male and top two co-ed teams. Call the

Cove at 417-4800 or Parks and Leisure at 458-7922 for more information.

## Sierra Vista-then and now

Discover Sierra Vista's humble beginnings through photographs, original documents, newspaper clippings, artifacts, and personal reminiscences on exhibit at the Henry F. Hauser Museum until Aug. 31.

See how the city has evolved over the past 50 years.

The museum is located inside the Ethel Berger Center at 2950 East Tacoma Street.

## Widowed Support Center Hours

The Fort Huachuca Widowed Support Center is now open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The center provides services to all widowed people in the Sierra Vista area. The Support Center is located at the corner of Fry Boulevard and Buffalo Soldier Trail in the first building visitors see when entering Fort Huachuca's Main gate. For more information call 533-3807.

## Fort Huachuca welcomes newcomers

Army Community Service wants to welcome newcomers to the Fort Huachuca community. The Huachuca Welcome newcomer's orientation is scheduled for 9 a.m. Wednesday at Murr Community Center.

The orientation will provide information about the installation and the community. A tour of the post is provided.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

For more information, call Pamela Allen at 533-5919.

## Relocation Workshops

Army Community Service will offer a relocation workshop for Soldiers and family members making their first move at the following times and dates: 9:30 a.m. Monday, and 6 p.m. Aug. 29. The workshops, which will discuss expectations, entitlements and budgeting for the

move, will be held at the ACS Building 50010.

Please register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

## ACS offers Resumix Class

Army Community Service will offer the Resumix Class, from 5:30 to 8 p.m. Monday at the ACS Building 50010.

This class teaches how to navigate the Army Civilian application process. This class is open to the public.

To register, call ACS at 533-2330.

## International spouse support group

Army Community Service invites all international spouses to join this support group, which will meet at 6 p.m. Tuesday at the ACS Building 50010. The group offers the opportunity to meet new people, network and to pick up tips on American culture and the military life-style.

Pre-register by calling ACS at 533-2330.

## Bowlers needed for women's league

The Huachuca Women's Bowling League is looking for bowlers for the 2006-2007 winter bowling season.

The organizational meeting will be held at 9 a.m. Aug. 29 at Desert Lanes. First week of bowling is Sept. 5 and league bowling is Tuesday mornings at Desert Lanes.

For information call Carol Pirc at 249-6221 or e-mail [carol.pirc@cox.net](mailto:carol.pirc@cox.net).

## Sierra Vista Farmer's Market

A unique shopping experience awaits patrons at the Sierra Vista Farmers Market. Aisles of locally grown produce are on display as well as items not ordinarily found in chain supermarkets. The farmers market is open every Thursday afternoon from 2 to 6 p.m. on the northwest corner of Wilcox Ave. and Carmichael Drive, Sierra Vista.

For more information, call 378-2973.

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## At The Movies

Showing at the Cochise Theater for the next week are:

### Today -7 p.m.

Pirates of the Caribbean :

Dead Man's Chest

PG-13

### Friday

Little Man

PG-13

### Saturday -7 p.m.

You, Me & Dupree

PG-13

### Sunday -2 p.m.

You, Me & Dupree

PG-13

### Monday - Wednesday

Closed

Reduced prices on Thursday evening and Sunday matinees.

## Watch CAC

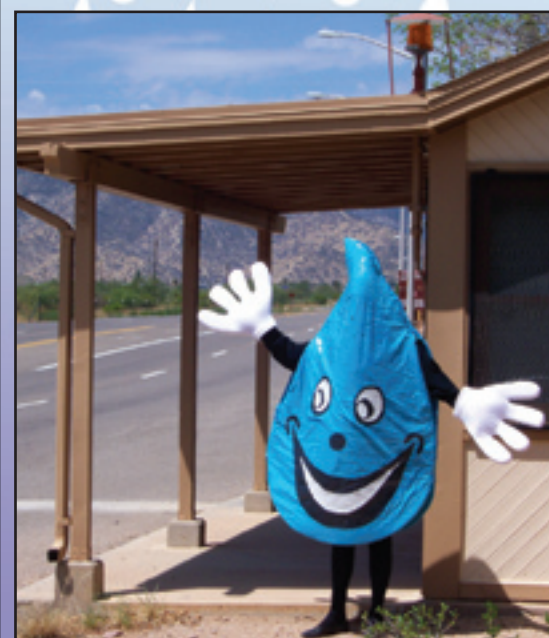
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## Where's Wettie?

Identify Wettie the Waterdrop's location in the photo and email your answer to the Scout. noon on the Monday after the photo is published will be entered into a drawing for a prize.

All correct answers received by The winner's name will be published in the Scout on Thursday, along with the correct answer about Wettie's location and the water-saving tips that led to the Water Wise visit to that specific location.



Email your best guess to [thescout@hua.army.mil](mailto:thescout@hua.army.mil).

## Good luck!

This contest is sponsored by the Fort Huachuca Water Wise and Energy Smart program and The Fort Huachuca Scout.



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### Free caregivers workshop presented

The workshop is held from 1 to 3 p.m. today at the Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma Street. This month's class is on preparing the home for family members.

### Find unique gifts at Hauser Museum

The Henry F. Hauser Museum, in conjunction with Parks and Leisure Services and the "Hank" Hauser Historical Society, opened a new gift shop in the Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma Street. Hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Proceeds benefit the "Hank" Hauser Historical Society.

### PLS offers trip to Laughlin

Join Parks and Leisure Services on a trip to Laughlin, Nev. and Bullhead City, from Oct. 23-25. The bus departs from the Ethel Berger Center, 2950 E. Tacoma Street, at 7 a.m. and returns at 6:30 p.m. Travelers must be at least 21, and will stay at the Riverside Hotel and Casino. Cost is \$100 per person for double occupancy, \$125 for singles, and includes travel to and from Sierra Vista, lodging and a choice of buffets. Space is limited. Reservations are required. For more information call 458-7922.

### Invitational 5k run held at BHS

The Buena High School Colts Cross Country Team will participate in the Sue Fletcher Classic Invitational 5k Run 8:30 a.m. Sept. 9 at the BHS football field.

For more information, call Coach Martin at 515-2800 or Donna Roman at 417-0739.

### Enjoy Sierra Vista Fiddle Contest

Experience fiddle music on Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Second Annual Sierra Vista Fiddle Contest in Veterans' Memorial Park.

Admission is free, bring a lawn chair or blanket.

Buena bands will provide food concessions.

Anyone interested in competing can visit [www.dkmusicstudio.com/fiddlecontest](http://www.dkmusicstudio.com/fiddlecontest) where complete rules, schedule and pre-registration forms can be found.

In case of bad weather, the event will be held at Buena High School Cafeteria, 5225 E. Buena School Blvd.

For more information call 220-1166.

### Learn about what grows here

At 1:30 p.m. on Sunday, join Cado Daily, Water Wise program coordinator, at the Carr House and learn "What grows here and what you can plant this fall."

Carr House is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays. The center is operated by the "Friends of the Huachuca Mountains," a volunteer group affiliated with the Coronado National Forest.

Carr House is located about 2.25 miles up Carr Canyon Road, off Highway 92 adjacent to the Mesquite Tree parking lot. Turn right (west) and follow the road into the Huachuca Mountains. Bear left into the road fork into the parking lot.

The Sept. 10 program features Dawn Wilson, director

of The American Museum of Natural History's Southwestern Research Station in Portal, Ariz. She will explain what the New York based museum is doing in an Arizona Sky Island mountain range.

Free, educational programs are offered at 1:30 p.m. every other Sunday. For information, call 378-1563.

### Toastmasters International Huachuca Club

The Huachuca chapter of the Toastmasters club meets at 11:30 a.m. every second and fourth Thursday at the Education Annex Building A, Building 21114 near the gazebo on Brown Parade Field and the Public Affairs Office.

All contractors, military and government employees are invited to attend.

For more information contact Gary Snyder at 459-0134 or visit their Web site at <http://huachuca.freetoasthost.org>.

### Nominate your favorite veteran

Mayor Tom Hessler is looking for nominations for the 2006 Sierra Vista Veterans' Day Parade Grand Marshal.

Keep nominations confidential, even from the nominee. Obtain a nomination form from a veterans' organization, City Hall or from the City's Web site, [www.ci.sierra-vista.az.us](http://www.ci.sierra-vista.az.us), under "What's New in the City". Provide supporting documentation (resumes, newspaper articles, or other appropriate material) to boost your candidate's chances. Bring nominations to City Hall in a sealed envelope or mail to the attention of Mayor Tom Hessler, 1011 North Coronado Drive, Sierra Vista, Ariz. 85635 marked "personal," no later than Oct. 13.